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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am a consumer that supports broadband competition. I live in a city now, where I have choices in my provider, but I was raised and spent much of my adult life in a very rural area. In these areas there is no competition and the community suffers. We have had to sit idly by with rate hikes and random outages with no where to turn. Internet is vastly important to every small business out there, which by the way is every business because large retail stores and chains will not set up shop or travel to these rural places. By limiting competition there is constant monopoly, which as you know is incredibly detrimental to the consumer. Please save rural consumers!

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